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Principal John Mackay,

Westminster College,

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Principal Mackay:

I write to you on a matter that I should wish you to get me, if possible, as varied and accurate information as you can without letting the matter be known too widely. A petition is being presented to the Senate, forwarded by Dr. Campbell of Victoria, on behalf of Mr. E. P. Paul, asking that the Senate should confer upon him the honorary degree of LL.D. The petition is signed by some of the leading men of British Columbia. Our procedure of course would be to send it to the Committee on Honorary degrees which meets next March or April. I am sure, however, that one of the first questions that the Committee will ask will be how the granting of such a degree will be regarded by the graduates of the University who live in British Columbia. I have before this been approached with a view to securing the degree for Mr. E. P. Davis, who was I am told one of the most distinguished students that the Universit ever had. I can trust your discretion in making inquiries for me I am sure. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

[Principal, Westminster College, Vancouver]

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February 28th, 1918

Rev. Principal John MacKay, D.D.,

Westminster College,

Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Principal MacKay:

Very many thanks for your letter which I have just received. We have had one meeting of the Committee and shall have another and I will be glad to lay your letter before it. Of course the decision rests with the Committee and not with me. The matter of granting honorary degrees always brings up very difficult problems.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.